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Doug: let's definitely coordinate, sooner rather than later. I am available any time Thursday or Friday. Prefer Thursday. I am meeting with press officer and events people this afternoon to further the discussion of March 11 events (2pm to 9pm). We all should think about head counts and who is going with whom. CAG members who want to go on the tour should be advised that they won't be in the main van. Also, it makes for a long commitment for the CAG member to be there from 2:30 or 3:00 til CAG meeting conclusion at 9 pm. Perhaps the separate vans plus 6 hour time commitment will result in a manageable number.

We also need to discuss where we're taking the RA and what objectives we'd like to achieve. For example, if, in addition to other locations/objectives, we want the RA to visit the Lister Avenue site to better understand the source of dioxin contamination and proximity of the removal action to the Ironbound community (I personally feel that we should), then we'd likely want Liz Butler in the main van for site access and background info purposes. We need to further our discussions on these things.....

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Thanks Liz

here are my additions:

distribute values and calendar (Doug)
we invited CAG members to the RA Tour, is this possible, how will we handle?
email CAG about interest in serving on subcommittees (Doug)
Letter regarding interest in TASC support (Tom, Carol)
we also talked about adding clean energy/industry as a future agenda item

should we have a coordination call some time this week, we have a short turnaround

Early Thursday morning or later Friday afternoon are my only two windows, are folks available?

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On Feb 22, 2010, at 9:36 AM, Butler.Elizabeth@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

Hi All.

Hope you had a nice weekend. Just wanted to follow-up on a few items that were brought up at last week's CAG meeting. We need to pick times/dates for calls or meetings on the following issues:

- 1) agenda for the March 11th CAG - while the RA is there and not
 - 2) dry run for the March 11th CAG
 - 3) ideas for abstracts for the Passaic River Symposium. Tierra is willing to work with us on this if we want them to be part of the presentation(s). These are due by March 10th.
 - 4) changes to the 2010 schedule - add modeling of the 17 miles, vision for the river and a CIP update
- I think that covers it. Anything I left out?

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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FOURTH PASSAIC RIVER SYMPOSIUM

Organized by the Passaic River Institute of Montclair State University
Tuesday, June 22, 2010
Montclair State University Conference Center, 1 Normal Ave., Montclair,
NJ

Symposium web site: www.csam.montclair.edu/pri/conferences

First Announcement and Call for Abstracts

It is time to reconvene at the biennial Passaic River Symposium to discuss all aspects of environmental issues relevant to the Passaic River Basin. We will gauge progress made in addressing problems, learn about new efforts, and discuss remaining challenges. The three previous symposia (see archived materials at the web site) attracted nearly 300 participants each - this fourth symposium promises to be equally attractive. The "Lower Passaic River Restoration Project" will be prominently featured in the Symposium, including the "Phase 1" sediment removal by the Diamond Alkali site and the "Focused Feasibility Study" addressing the lower 8 miles. Projects and issues in the upper River and tributary watersheds will also be examined.

REGISTRATION

On-line registration and mail-in registration forms are now available through the Symposium web site, www.csam.montclair.edu/pri/conferences. Registration fees (includes continental breakfast, lunch and book of abstracts): Professional: Regular (by May 21) \$95, Late \$125; Student: Regular \$40, Late \$60. Pay by credit card, check, PO or voucher.

Mail registrations must be postmarked by June 7th. On-line registrations will be accepted until June 15th, as long as space is available. On-site registration the day of the meeting is discouraged and will only be permitted if space is available; lunch may not be available. If attempting to register on-site, please call or email the day before to ensure space is available. On-site registrations will be assessed an additional \$50 fee.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are sought for platform (oral) presentations and posters on any environmental issue relevant to the Passaic River Basin and nearby areas. Abstracts will be selected for presentation based on their technical and policy merit and relevance. The conference committee may request persons submitting abstracts for platform presentations to exhibit a poster if all platform slots are filled. Platform presentation length will be 15 minutes, including questions. A book of abstracts will be distributed at the conference and placed on the conference website following the conference. All symposium presenters are required to register for the conference.

Below is a partial list of relevant topics:

- Management and assessment of contaminated sediments in the lower Passaic River
- Ecotoxicology
- Water quality improvement
- Biological assessment
- Ecological restoration
- Combined sewer overflows
- Recreational use of the River
- Riverfront redevelopment
- Flood control and damage mitigation
- Environmental education and community outreach

- Water supply assessment and protection
- Contaminated site assessment, remediation and redevelopment
- Urban and landscape ecology of the Passaic Basin

Submit abstracts (300 words) via the web form linked to www.csam.montclair.edu/pri/conferences. (After acceptance of the abstract, you will be asked to submit a formatted abstract by email.)

Abstract submittal deadline: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Notification of acceptance: On or about April 1, 2010

SPONSOR AND EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

We invite private companies, government agencies, non-profit organizations and academic organizations to apply to sponsor and/or exhibit at the conference. If your organization is interested, contact Dr. Kirk Barrett or visit www.csam.montclair.edu/pri/conferences to see a prospectus. Exhibits should be appropriate for the symposium topic, as judged by the symposium organizers. Space is limited - at the 2008 Symposium, exhibit space was sold out!

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Symposium will be held at the Conference Center at Montclair State University on the 7th floor of the University Hall. It's a first-class conference center with a spectacular panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline. See www.montclair.edu/conferencecenter for information and directions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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